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TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: ARNOLD PALMER GLOBAL TOUR

1. POSTS MAY NOT YET BE AWARE THAT ARNOLD PALMER WILL MAKE GLOBAL FLIGHT MAY 17-19 ORIGINATING IN DENVER AND INCLUDING STOPS AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. PROJECT IS SPONSORED BY AVIATION/SPACE WRITERS ASSOCIATION AND BY GATES LEARJET CORPORATION. PROJECT SEEKS TO SET NEW AROUND-WORLD SPEED RECORD FOR BUSINESS-TYPE AIRCRAFT AS A FEATURE OF BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. WE UNDERSTAND ARBA HAS GIVEN ASSOCIATION MINIMAL LEVEL OF RECOGNITION PERMITTING USE OF BICENTENNIAL FLAG AND LOGO. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 2. ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY ROBERT LEWIS OF NEW YORK PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM WHO VISITED HOST COUNTRIES IN LATE APRIL BUT DID NOT VISIT U.S. EMBASSIES IN ALL CASES. PALMER IS CARRYING BICENTENNIAL GIFTS (BICENTENNIAL FLAG, BRONZE PLAQUE REPRODUCTION OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE) FOR PRESENTATION TO APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS. EMBASSIES MAY BE APPROACHED--IF NOT ALREADY--BY LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS PERSONS.
- 3. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTS THAT MR. PALMER WILL BE CARRYING A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD DIRECTED TO

HIGH OFFICIALS AND/OR THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRIES BEING VISITED. NO SUCH MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR MR. PALMER'S TRIP NOR IS ONE EXPECTED SINCE THE TRIP IS STRICTLY A PRIVATE INITIATIVE.

4. FOR COLOMBO: SRI LANKA EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT MDFA HAS ADVISED IT OF HAVING BEEN CONTACTED BY ADVERTISING AGENCY WITH REQUEST THAT HIGH RANKING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER BE AT AIRPORT TO RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM PALMER WHO WILL TRANSIT SRI LANKA. MINISTRY REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM EMBASSY ON PALMER'S STATUS. WE ARE RESPONDING TO ITS INQUIRY TO US ALONG LINES INDICATED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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